GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HM&FW (Vigilance) Department – Certain allegations on Dr. T.Sakuntala, former District Medical & Health Officer, West Godavari District (Presently Retd) — Articles of Charges framed – Written Statement of Defence received – Regular Inquiry ordered - Enquiry report received – Communicated Inquiry Report under Rule 21(2) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Further explanation called for – Explanation submitted - Examined - Further action Dropped – Orders - Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (VC.II.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.266 **Dated:16.03.2024.**

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.962 of HM & FW (VC.II.2) Department, dt.26.12.2014.
2. Explanation from Dr. T.Sakuntala, former DM&HO, WG District (Presently Retd) dated.30.01.2015.
3. G.O.Rt.No.509 of HM & FW (VC.II.2) Department, dt.07.09.2017.
4. From the DPH&FW, AP, Vijayawada, Lr.Rc.No.7125/VC-1B/2014, dated. 26.05.2021.
5. Govt. Memo.No.21023/13/2019-13, Dated.02.12.2021.
6. From the DPH&FW, AP, Vijayawada, Lr.Rc.No.7125/VC-1B/2014, dated. 13.02.2023.
7. Govt. Memo.No.21023/13/2019-15, Dated.13.10.2023.
8. From the DPH&FW, AP, Vijayawada, Lr.Rc.No.7125/VC-1B/2014, dated. 18.01.2024.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Government have framed Article of Charges against Dr. T.Sakuntala, former District Medical & Health Officer, West Godavari District (Presently Retd) on certain allegations for violation of instructions in implementation of Multi Drug Administration 2013 programme based on the preliminary enquiry report.

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, the Charged Officer has submitted her Written Statement of Defense to the charges framed. After examining the WSD, having not convinced with, the Government have decided to conduct a regular inquiry.

3. Whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, the Government have appointed Joint Director (CDP), O/o. Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, A.P. as an Inquiry Officer to conduct enquiry into the charges framed against Dr. T.Sakuntala, former District Medical & Health Officer, West Godavari District (Presently Retd) and two others.

4. Whereas, in the reference 4th read above, the Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, A.P. has furnished the Inquiry Report submitted by the Inquiry Authority. As per the Inquiry Report, the Inquiry Officer has held all the charges not proved against Dr. T.Sakuntala, former District Medical & Health Officer, West Godavari District (Presently Retd).

5. After examination of the Inquiry Report, since there are some contradictions noticed in the report of the Inquiry Officer, the Government have requested the Director of Public Health & Family Welfare in the reference 5th read above to obtain a clear report from the Inquiry Officer, based on her enquiry and furnish the same to the Government with the specific remarks/recommendations.

6. Whereas, in the reference 6th read above, the Director of Public Health & Family Welfare has furnished the revised Inquiry Report submitted by the Inquiry Authority i.e. G. Savitri, MBBS, DGO, Additional Director (CDP) Retd. in respect of Dr.T.Shakuntala, formerly District Medical & Health Officer, Eluru presently Retd. and two others.

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7. Whereas, in the reference 7th read above, after examining the Inquiry Report, the Government have accepted the IO report and communicated the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officer for submitting her representation on findings in the Inquiry report, if any as per rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules.

8. Whereas, in the reference 8th read above, the Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, A.P. has forwarded the explanation submitted by the Charged Officer on the findings of the Inquiring Authority. After examination of the explanation of the Charged Officer on findings of the Inquiry Officer, the Government have decided to drop further action against Dr. T.Sakuntala, former District Medical & Health Officer, West Godavari District (Presently Retd).

9. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Dr. T.Sakuntala, former District Medical & Health Officer, West Godavari District (Presently Retd).

8. The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. MANJULA D HOSMANI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Dr. T. Sakuntala, former DM&HO, WG District (Presently Retd) **through** the DPH&FW, AP, Gollapudi, Vijayawada.
The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Gollapudi, Vijayawada.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister (HFW&ME), AP, Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The PS to Secretary to Government, HM&FW Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi
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SECTION OFFICER